

Motions will probably have a better chance of being debated at Conference if they have been accredited by Policy Development Committee (PDC). Accreditation means that they are promoted from being E motions to being C motions.

Accreditation does not mean that a motion will pass, or even that members of the PDC support it. It just means that means that the Committee members are satisfied that full discussion and consultation has taken place, both within and without the party, and that high quality supporting evidence has been provided. It is an indication that it will be worthy of Conference time.

The criteria for accreditation are that:

1. it has been endorsed by one or more recognised body within the party, for example, a local or regional party, the Green Party Executive Committee (GPEx), the Green Party Regional Council (GPRC), Young Greens or special interest group.
2. the endorsement was the result of a formal decision-making process, evidenced by minutes of a meeting that was properly advertised to all members of the body concerned, or through screen shots of online discussion, and that all members of the body had an opportunity to participate.
3. there is evidence of discussion and research, for example a background paper
4. there has been substantial consultation with other groups both within and outside the party. Groups within the party should include all those that might have a legitimate interest in the motion, including those who might disagree with it. Consultation might include postings in Green Spaces but should not be limited to that. Groups outside the party might include national bodies, professional organisations, academics or specialists.
5. the motion answers a strategic political need and will help the party achieve its wider objectives in its current activities as well as in Government.

The process of achieving Policy Development Committee accreditation is not quick, so if you are interested in pursuing this please contact [policy@greenparty.org.uk](mailto:policy@greenparty.org.uk) or [vix.lowthion@greenparty.org.uk](mailto:vix.lowthion@greenparty.org.uk) soon as possible in advance of the relevant Conference. It is possible that an iterative process will ensue, so don't wait until you have finalised your text and supporting evidence as you may be advised to make further changes and/or to undertake specific consultation.

A [form](#) has been produced to help you meet all these criteria and ensure that the Policy Development Committee has all the information it needs when taking its decision.

There is no word limit but please be succinct and focussed on the criteria!

The Standing Orders Committee can also advise on matters relating to conference, procedural processes and whether any proposals are in order [soc@greenparty.org.uk](mailto:soc@greenparty.org.uk)